

Verse by Verse: Daniel 10, Ephesians 6

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And thank you Mr. Announcer. And good morning my radio friends and friends of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. This is Louis T. Talbot greeting you, and thanking you for another privilege of being the guest of your home as we study the Word of God together. I want you please to turn your Bibles to Daniel Chapter 10, And also to Ephesians chapter 6. I want to say, my friends, before we go on with this study that I'm sorry, very, very sorry that I missed the broadcast yesterday. I got my dates mixed up which is not an unusual thing for me to do. But my friends at KGR played in my absence that tape that I made on the subject of judgment some time ago. I'm sorry that I put the station all of this inconvenience. but my friends, in regards to the message that you heard yesterday on the subject of judgment, I want to say that sometime in the future I want to give a series of radio addresses on that subject because that is another subject about which there is a great deal of confusion.

But right now, we're going to conclude our study in Chapter 10. Now we have devoted more time to this 10th chapter Daniel than we have to any other chapter because it deals with a subject that very few people even Christian people know anything about. And that is the subject of demonology and the conflict in the unseen world between the un-fallen angels and fallen angels. And this is the subject, my dear friends, that we cannot know anything about except as it is revealed in God's Word, but in this chapter, the 10th chapter of Daniel, that God lifts the veil that conceals from us the future and it gives to us an insight into that great conflict that is taking

place right now, day and night, in the heavens above. That is the first and second heavens. I said that we cannot know anything about these conflicts except as God as recorded it all rebuild it in his word. But of course every Christian knows something about it in his own experience. The forces in the unseen world are personalities. Now I want you to keep that in mind and remember that; that angels, good angels and fallen angels, are not good thoughts and an evil thoughts as some of the cults teach. They are personalities of tremendous power and un-fallen angels do the bidding of God in the carrying out of His will and fallen angels attempt to block the plan and the will of God for every man, and especially do they endeavor to keep people away from Christ. And when one reads this 10th chapter of Daniel, he realizes just how helpless he is in be a struggle, but you know that God has not left us to ourselves.

For instance in the 6th chapter of Ephesians, and I want you my dear friends to read the 6th chapter of Ephesians, possibly at the close of this broadcast, because here is God, or rather the apostle Paul and the Spirit of God writing through Him, giving specific instructions in regard to what we are to do concerning this great conflict. For instance he says in Ephesians Chapter 6, he says, "put on the whole armor of God, and that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." I want you to note that would "wiles"; "against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood," that is that we're not in a conflict with just ordinary men and women. "We're not in a conflict against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, and against the rulers of this world, against spiritual wickedness in heavenly places." Do you see, my dear friends? I want to repeat what I said a number of times, just for emphasis, that like great forces in the unseen world are like a well-organized army. The Apostle Paul there speaks about powers; "We wrestle against principalities and powers, and against the rulers of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." And you know that the apostle Paul is giving

there an insight into the fact that men like Khrushchev, and Nasser, and others are not real rulers that as well. But rather there is that unseen fallen, satanic personalities that are governing those men. You know that we ought to be thankful every day that we have a man like President Eisenhower at the head of this government. A man who recognizes his needed divine help, and who is to be found in the house of God every day, every Lord's day; we can be very, very thankful, my dear friends. In this day when the atheistic philosophy of communism is sweeping over the world today.

But there is one word that I just want to touch on in Ephesians 6 and that is "wiles." the endeavors of The Apostle says "that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." you know that that word, Wiles, just shows the manner of approach that the devil makes to men. you know that when the devil approaches a man, my dear friends, he does not say to that fellow, "Now I am the devil, and I am just out to destroy everything that is precious to you; and I'm going to destroy your home, and I'm going to bring you to the place where you'll lose the love of your wife and the respect of your children, and by the time I'm through I'm going to land you in hell. and you're going to be there spirit, soul, and body By the time I get through." my dear friends the devil doesn't approach a man like that; the devil is cunning, and the devil makes the wrongs seem right, and rights seem wrong. And the approach that he makes to the people today is in that word "Wiles." you know that there are thousands of people in hell this morning, and I don't think that any one of them ever planned to get there. Do you know that, my dear friends? I guess that there are millions of people in the hell, and I guess that there is not one of them that ever sat down and said "Now, I am going to live in such a way that I'm going to go to hell." There is no man that ever planned to do that. And you know that there are derelicts that are walking the streets of Los Angeles today, and not one of them I have a plan to be where they are.

If you walked along Main Street of Los Angeles at midnight, that you would see people with a look of hopelessness on their face on their faces. Slaves to passions that dull the mind, and destroy the body, and damn the soul. And my dear friends, if you had gone to them 10 years ago and told them that they were going to be where they are today, why they would have said to you "Do you think that I'm a fool? That I would come to a place like that?" And that is where they are today. Just human beings, like broken pieces of pottery. And yet the wonderful thing about the grace of God is this: that that grace of God could take even the worst of them and lift them to the highest heaven, if only that they would allow Him and if they would look to Him.

You know that concerning the things that the devil glamorizes, I want to remind you how that David describes sin. You know that in the 40th Psalm he says that "He brought me up out of a horrible pit." You know that that was David's description of sin. He described it as a horrible pit. That is not the devil's; that is not the devil's description of sin, my friends. You know that the devil glamorizes everything; that devil glamorizes sin and it makes it attractive. For instance, you just look at television and see that the things that are advertised on that medium of conveying information, and you know that you see things portrayed there that have wrecked thousands of homes, and brought tens of thousands of people to an untimely death. And yet those things that the devil uses to bring about destruction, and heartache, and tears, and remorse are presented in such a way that people do not see the sting in them at all. I'm talking about such things. For instance, there's whiskey, and rum, and what have you. And things that are that are in that category, and they are associated on television, or in other ways, on the silver screen, you'll see those things associated with music, and with the lights, and with songs, and they make a tremendous appeal to people of every age. And you know that especially do they, are they, geared to make an appeal to the teenagers, the Young men and young women today.

And I want to tell you my dear friends, that the same thing is true in regard to the religious world. I do not think that there is any realm in this universe that portrays the wiles of the devil like what we've seen in the Religions of today. Do you remember how that, when the Lord Jesus Christ sat up on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him and said "What shall be the sign of Thy coming and the end of the age?" and Jesus said this: He says, "many shall come in my name, and they still deceive many," and about four or five times the Lord, Jesus Christ, speaks about the religious conditions of the end times. How that there are going to be deceivers and they're going to come in the name of the Lord. My dear friends, Why is it that they don't come in the name of the devil? Because they are certainly his children; that is that they are thoughts in, along religious lines that have emanated from his satanic mind and yet they come in the name of Christ. You know that there is just another illustration of the wiles of Satan. Let me say, my dear friends that the devil is not out to make infidels of people. you know that the devil will let you believe every part of the Bible, he'll give you the privilege of believing everything that is totally in the Word of God, even the things that pertain to the Lord, Jesus Christ, providing that just stop at two things: And first is the death of Christ and the other one is the resurrection of Christ, because he knows that those two things are the heart of Christianity; he knows that without the shedding a blood There is no remission for sin. And he knows that the shed blood alone can cleanse us from sin and fits us for heaven. You know that the devil knows that, my dear friends. you take all the cults that are, and I cannot discuss any of them by way of radio, But let me tell you, my dear friends, you examine any one of the fourteen cults that have come in the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, and you will find that they speak beautifully about Christ, and every one of them speak about Him as our Divine Master, and our Divine Teacher, and so on. But when it comes down to the matter of the deity of Christ, or the death of Christ, or

the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ, or the absolute necessity to be washed in the blood of the Lord, Jesus Christ, you'll find that those things that are not there at all.

You know I just recently went to see a woman who was dying of tuberculosis, and I asked whether she was, about the future, she said that she was very, very sick and I said "Yes, I can see that." And I said "tell me," I said "What about the great beyond?" And she said "well if I die I'll go to heaven. "And I said "why where did you get that?" And she said "Why My mother taught me that." and then She showed me a book, and you would all know it if I mentioned, and she said "this has been a great help to me, and I've been studying it for 7 years." And I said to her, my dear friends, "Would you believe that book, if told you that what you just said to me as being your hope for Heaven was not to be believed at all?" and you know she said, "Oh, that doesn't, This book doesn't teach that." well I opened the book and I'll never forget the look that came over that young woman's face as I put before such statements as "the material blood of Jesus can no more cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed trees than when it was flowing in His veins as He went daily about His Master's business." I want to tell you, my dear friends, that if there was ever a time when Christians need to put on the whole armor of God, and to know the truth of God, and to read the Bible, and to know the great doctrines of the word of God, it is day in which we are living; and that you must know the word of God, my dear friends, if the wiles of Satan are not going to exercise authority and control you.

You know that that's what the apostle Paul is talking about when he writes to the Ephesians. He says, He says, "put on the whole armor of God, for you wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, and against wickedness, and if you're going to defeat the wiles of the devil." And then the apostle Paul talks about the different parts of the armor. He says "stand, therefore, having your loins girt about how with truth, then having on the breastplate of

righteousness; and your feet shod with a preparation of the gospel of peace; and above all the shield of faith, whereby you are able to quench the fiery darts of the devil. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." You know, if you're a soldier and you have a sword, you have to know how to wield it, you'd have to know to handle it, and the Sword of the spirit, my friends, is the word of God. And I want to tell you, you have to read it. And you have to know the great truths that are recorded therein. If it is going to be a help to you in time of the assault and the approach of the wiles of the devil. but my dear friends, you know in regard to the armor, and let me say that one of these times that we'll just spend our broadcast just studying each one of these pieces, of these pieces of armor, But in connection-- beside that, that the Lord has given you something else to be a tremendous help to you in this day of conflict with the wiles of the devil. You know how hopeless and helpless our luck would be if it weren't for the fact that God is on our side.

And you'll remember that in 1 John Chapter 2 in verse 1 that we read this: John says, "little children these things I write unto you that you sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." and oh do you know what Jesus is doing now, my dear friends? You know that Jesus, 1900 years ago stood for you in the place of Death. Now He stands for you at the right hand of God. You know He died for you down here to make you clean, and He lives up there to keep you clean, and He's at the right hand of God. And in the book of Hebrews we read that when Christ ascended, He passed through the heavens to take His place at the right hand of God where He ever lives to make intercession for you. You know, and there in that 1 John Chapter 2, you know Jesus is spoken there as an advocate. "If we sin, we have an advocate with the father." You know that that word advocate is the same word as our lawyer. Yeah you all know what a lawyer is. You know he is a man who is skilled in law and he

takes a man's case and appears before the judge to plead for the accused. Now it is impossible for a lawyer to defend his clients with any degree of success unless he knows all about the case and has the assurance that it is absolutely in his hands. But with all the facts before him, he can go before the judge and argue his case. Do you know, my dear friends, that about 35 or 40 years ago that I put my case in the hands of the Son of God to be my lawyer, to be my advocate, and He knows all about me? He not only knows all about me, my dear friends, but He also loves me in spite of my sin. And I tell you that the Lord Jesus Christ died for me, and now He is up there at God's right hand, and He ever lives to make intercession there for me, and He's fighting my case, to bring me through. Well you may say to me "Mr. Talbot, What do you need a lawyer for up there?" I'll tell you, my dear friends, why we need a lawyer. It's because we have an accuser.

And you know that the devil he sets out to get you to sin, and there is one thing that the devil knows about sin: and that is that the wages of sin is death and that God is holy, and a holy God cannot tolerate sin, He has to do something about it. And you know that the devil gets you to sin, and then sin, and then he wings his way into the presence of God and he puts before a holy God that the wages of sin is death. But my dear friends, you and I would be absolutely helpless in a situation like that if we did not have a lawyer at the right hand of God. And when the devil comes and accuses me, or any other Christian, to God because of failure in his life the Lord, Jesus Christ, just says to the Father, "Father, Everything that this accuser says is true. But I was wounded by that man's transgression and I was bruised by his iniquity." And He shows the father the wounds in His hands, and the wounds in His feet. And He says "everything thing that he says is true, but I took that upon myself," when He died on Calvary. My dear friends, that's what the Lord Jesus is doing for you. He is doing that for you by day and He's doing that for you

by night, and He ever likes to make intercession for us. He is able to save even the uttermost, those who come under God by Him.

You know that I think that's what John Wesley, or rather Charles Wesley, had in mind when he wrote some of these beautiful hymns. I was in London up you years ago and I stood one day at the grave Aside of John Wesley, then I asked the keeper of the grave where Charles Wesley was, his body, and he pointed out just another cemetery not very far away from where John Wesley's body is buried. And you know that I found it and as I stood by his grave, I thought of some of the hymns that Charles Wesley wrote. For instance, I thought of this one that presents the Lord, Jesus Christ, as our advocate. Charles Wesley wrote "Arise my soul, arise. Shake off thy guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice in my behalf appears. Before the throne my surety stands. My name is written on His hands; He ever lives above for me to intercede. His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead; His blood of tones for all our race and sprinkles now the throne of grace. Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary. They all effect your prayers; they strongly plead for me, forgive him all forgive they cry, nor let bad ransom sinner die." Aren't those words wonderful, my friends? And then he says "My God has reconciled, his pardoning voice I hear; owns me for His child, I can no longer fear. With confidence I now drawing nigh and Father, Abba, Father, cry."

My friends, that's what the Lord Jesus Christ is doing at the right hand of God. I want to ask you: have all of you folks listening to me this morning Put your trust in the Lord Jesus? He can't be you advocate, my dear friends, until first of all you accept Him as your savior. You accept Him as your savior, and then He'll become your advocate; He'll be your lawyer. And my dear friends He'll see you through. But you know, not only do we have a High Priest to intercede for us, but my friends, we are the holy angels. And the Word of God says in Hebrews chapter 1

verse 14 that the angels are ministering spirits. Sent forth to minister to them who are the heirs of salvation. You know that the angels are other personalities that people know so little about. You know that the angels are created beings. They are not the spirits of our departed loved ones, my friends, many people believe. I had a funeral some time ago and a young woman had died, and I was sitting in the automobile with a father, a broken hearted father, and he said to me "Mr. Talbot, if there was ever an angel in Heaven as my daughter," well of course I understood what he meant, But my dear friends, you know that angels, men, will never, People will never be angels either good or bad. You know that the angels are ministering spirits. They are different order of creation altogether. And they have several ministries, and one ministry, my dear friends that the angels have given is the minister to you in time of need. You remember how that the Lord Jesus Christ spoke about the angels in connection with the little children. How that they behold always the face of the father of these little children in the heaven. And then he teaches, He teaches that the angels of the Lord are around those who put their trust in Him. It's a wonderful thing, my dear friends, just to study what the word of God says in regard to angels.

In the 34 Psalm you'll remember your read the angel of the Lord Camped round about them that feared Him. And then in Psalm 103 We read the angels of God excel in strength, and they to do his commandments harkening unto the voice of the Lord. And then there's, oh there are so many passages of scripture that I called out of the word of God this morning in regard to angels. You know, and every believer, my dear friends, has a guardian angel and not until you get into heaven where you come to learn the scrapes, and difficulties in the masses that that you got out of. And you thought possibly you got out of them through your own endeavor, but you will find that you got victory through the Ministry of angels. That is, the angel ministering unto you. I believe that when we get into heaven, my dear friends, that you will have an angel come

on up to you and saying, "Miss, Mr. So-and-So, I want to introduce myself to you." And you say "well who are you?" and he'll say "I was your guardian angel. When you were down there upon this earth." My dear friends, it will be interesting, won't it, to meet an angel, and he introduces himself as the one who was your guardian angel. You know with some of them, you know I think they'll have some wrinkles on their faces after having to look after all of us for about 40 or 50 years. But my dear friends, that it's a blessed prospect.

Now I want to, let me see I've got a minute of time left, And I said that I want to do something but I don't have time to do it. That is I want to, Tomorrow I'll do this, I want to answer a question that I know is in your mind and that is: you say "If God Almighty is almighty, Why doesn't He wipe out these demons? And how did they ever become demons? What was their object? What was their origin, rather?" Well my friends, we'll start off the broadcast tomorrow by answering those questions as to where they came from, and why God doesn't wipe them out.

Read the 10th of Hebrews, my dear friends, the 10th chapter of Daniel, and see that conflict, and then you will draw very, very near to the Lord. The Lord abundantly bless you all, Goodbye and God bless you all.

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